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Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya]

mention on this subject has been permitted by the Chairman. ... *(Interruptions')...*

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उपसभापति : अभी आप बैठिये ।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : महोदया, ट्रेन दुर्घटना हुई है । रेल मंत्री का बयान आना चाहिये । (व्यवधान) ट्रेन दुर्घटना में सैकड़ों लोग मारे गये हैं, उसके बारे में मंत्री जी का बयान आना चाहिये. . . (व्यवधान) हम गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से इस पर एक स्टेटमेंट चाहते हैं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Subramanian Swamy has to go, first let him finish. Then, I will allow you.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA; We want a statement from the Government about the train accident in Ballyganj.

उपसभापति : अभी आप बैठिये । . . .(व्यवधान) देखिये, अभी वह बोल रहे हैं ।

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUS TICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): Madam Deputy. Chairman, I move;

"That the Bill further t© amend the Representation of the People Act. 1950 and th$_e$ Representation of the People Act, 1951, be referred to a Joint Committee of the Houses consisting of 45 Members; 15 Members from thi$_s$ House, namely: —

1. Shri Hansraj Bhardwaj
2. Shri Madhavsinh Solanki
3. Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad
4. Shri Madan Bhatia
5. Shri Bal Ram Singh Yadava
6. Shri H. Hanumanthappa
7. Shri Anant Ram Jaiswal
8. Shri Moturu Hanumantha Rao
9. Shri Ashwani Kumar
10. Shri Shabbir Ahmad Salaria
11. Shri Ram Jethmalani
12. Shri V. Gopalsamy
13. Shri Parvathaneni Upendra
14. Shri Dinesh Goswami
15. Shri Subramanian Swamy

and 30 Members from the Lok Sabha;

that in order to constitute a meeting of the Joint Committee the quorum shall be one-third of the total number of members of the Joint Committee;

that in other respects, the Rules of Procedure of this House relating to Select Committees shall apply with such variations and modifications as the Chairman may make;

that the Committee shall make a report to this House by the last day of the first week of the 160th Sessionr that this House recommends to the Lok. Sabha that the Lok Sabha do join in the said Committee and communicate to this House the names of members to be appointed by the Lok Sabha to the Joint Committee."

The question was proposed.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, . I have no objection to this motion. But the question is, the issue which has

been sought to be referred to the Joint Select Committee is about electoral reforms. The issue was discussed many a time in the past having already been referred to two Select Committees. During the previous Government's tenure, it was discussed with all the political parties. A small Committee was constituted. Various suggestions were put forth before the Government. And thereupon, a Bill was framed. Again that Bill is sent to the Joint Select Committee. And in the motion itself it was stated that the report should come forth by the 157th Session which means the next Session. The hon. Minister has been proposing that it should come forth by the 160th Session. This is a very important issue. We have been discussing this issue for the last four or five years. It had been, referred to certain Select Committees. It was discussed at political level. A political level committee was constituted. Mr. Shiv Shanker and other senior leaders were in that small Committee. That small Committee had made suggestions. The Bill was prepared and it came here in the past. It is again being referred to a Joint Select Committee. That means we had failed. Therefore, the Bill came naturally in this way. The parliamentary job, the legislative job, is done. I would like to say that not by the 160th Session, but by the next Session the job must be completed and the report should come forth. Thank you, Madam.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): '157' should remain as it is. I do not think the Minister should amend it at this stage having given notice for the 157th Session.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Representation of the People Act, 1951 be referred to a Joint Committee of the Houses

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The motion was adopted.